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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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STOPPING OF SEALDAH RAJDHANI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the stopping of 2313 Sealdah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express at Parasnath Station as appeared in the Navbharat Times dated August 18, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the matter has been investigated;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the officials found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): This was enquired into and it was found that on 14.08.2005, 2313 Sealdah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express left Dhanbad late by 15 minutes at 2020 hours instead of at 2005 hours. At Gomoh, 2439 Ranchi-New Delhi Rajdhani Express ran through at right time at 2035 hours. As per the schedule, 2313 Sealdah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express runs ahead of 2439 Ranchi-New Delhi Rajdhani Express. However, as 2313 Sealdah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express was late, it took a path immediately behind 2439 Rajdhani Express.

There is a permanent speed restriction of 30 kmph at Gomoh Up main line from Kilo metre 300/1-300/17 due to damaged washable apron. Further, there are permanent speed restriction of 120 kmph between Nimiaghat-Parasnath from Kilo metre 316/3-317/3 due to 2.03 degree curve and at Parasnath station limit of 110 kmph from Kilo metre 317/3-317/27 due to points and crossings on curve. These cautions slow the train ahead and has a cascading effect on the following train. As such 2313 Rajdhani, which was immediately following 2439 Rajdhani at a margin of 5 minutes suffered detention due to train on section (TOS) of 2439 at Parasnath station. 2439 Rajdhani passed Chaudhribandh station at 2050 hours and 2313 Rajdhani after 4 minutes halt at Parasnath and started at 2054 hours.

2313 Up stopped at Parasnath for TOS of 2439 Up, running ahead. In order to avoid further TOS 2313 Rajdhani was given precedence over 2439 Rajdhani at Koderma station. 2313 Rajdhani was made over at Manpur point at 2238 hours against the schedule passage time of 2226 hours, i.e. 12 minutes late. Thus, 2313 Rajdhani which was received 15 minutes late by the Division was made over 12 minutes late making-up 3 minutes on run.

Thus, it is clear that the stoppage of 2313 Rajdhani Express at Parasnath was due to 2439 Rajdhani Express running ahead.